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Waters of the U.S.:

Clarifying Misconceptions

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One hour Webinar

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Join us to hear officials set the record straight about the proposed Waters of the U.S. rule to clarify protection under the Clean Water Act for streams and wetlands. There has been some confusion about the proposal and the agencies want to provide the facts. This Webinar will address some of the more common concerns and misconceptions about the proposed rule, particularly for the agricultural community. More information is available at:

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When Congress passed the Clean Water Act in 1972, it didn't just defend the mighty Mississippi or our Great Lakes; it also protected the smaller streams and wetlands that weave together a vast, interconnected system. It recognized that healthy families and farms downstream depend on healthy headwaters upstream. But two Supreme Court cases over the last 15 years confused things, making it unclear which waters are "in," and which are "out."

That confusion added red tape, time, and expense to the permitting process under the Clean Water Act. The Army Corps of Engineers had to make case-by-case decisions about which waters were protected, and decisions in different parts of the country became inconsistent.

The proposed rule will bring clarity and consistency to the process, cutting red tape and saving money. The proposed Waters of the U.S. rule does not regulate new types of ditches, does not regulate activities on land, and does not apply to groundwater. The proposal does not change the permitting exemption for stock ponds, does not require permits for normal farming activities like moving cattle, and does not regulate puddles.

EPA's goals align with those of farmers: clean water fuels agriculture—and we all depend on the food, fuel, and fiber that our farmers produce. We welcome input on the proposed rule to make sure we get it right.

Speaker:



Nancy Stoner, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, U.S. EPA —Nancy Stoner is the Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where she leads the Agency's work to protect the nation's water resources. Ms. Stoner's career in environmental policy and law began in 1987 as a trial attorney in the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. She then served as Director of the Office of Policy Analysis in U.S. EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and as Co-Director of the Water Program at the Natural Resources Defense Council. Ms. Stoner is a 1986 graduate of Yale Law School and a 1982 graduate of the University of Virginia.

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